

**Washington, DC-** Today, Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX-20) voted to provide schools with access to funding for modernization, renovation and repair projects under the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act. The bill invests in our schools to boost our economy now and help prepare our children for the jobs of the future -- building on the efforts of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**“We are giving students a better environment in which to learn,”** said Congressman Gonzalez. **“This is a great piece of legislation that will help the schools in my district by upgrading buildings to make them more energy efficient. The bill makes investment to modernize and put our children in the best position to succeed in a safe and healthy environment. San Antonio benefits overall with the creation of good local jobs in new, clean energy industries.”**

The 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act provides over \$6 billion in federal funds to upgrade school buildings to make them more energy efficient and more reliant on renewable sources of energy. San Antonio is estimated to receive over \$30 million in funding.

**“Our schools lack adequate funding they need and today we voted to increase the necessary funding to boost student achievement, enhance teachers’ effectiveness, generate savings for schools and create clean energy jobs,”** added Gonzalez.

According to calculations by the Economic Policy Institute, this legislation’s construction funding would support as many as 136,000 new jobs – many in areas that will give workers the valuable skills they need to excel in a clean energy economy.

**“Having a sincere commitment to our nation's schools and their students is vital to the success of our nation's education system,”** said Gonzalez. **“We see a direct correlation between school facility quality and student achievement, and today’s bill brings us closer to our goal of providing every child with the best education.”**

The bill also generates long-term savings for schools by reducing energy expenses. Green schools reduce pollution by using about 30% less water and energy than conventional schools, and emit almost 40% less harmful carbon dioxide.

**The 21st Century Green High-Performing Public Schools Facilities Act (H.R. 2187)**  
**Texas District 20 proposed *ESTIMATED* funding per school district:**

- San Antonio Independent School District: \$ 14,700,000
- South San Antonio Independent School District: \$ 1,800,000
- Southwest Independent School District: \$ 1,800,000
- North East Independent School District: \$ 5,300,000
- Northside Independent School District: \$ 7,200,000
- Edgewood Independent School District: \$ 3,000,000
- Lackland Independent School District: \$ 18,000

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